



Department of Social Services Mission Statement

The mission of the California Department of Social Services is to serve, aid and protect needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility and foster independence.

The Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) would like to thank all the stakeholders who provided feedback on the "New Directions" of CCLD. Part of CCLD's "New Directions" includes the "Strengthening Health and Safety Protections" proposal to enhance CCLD's visit protocols in order to strengthen protections for residents/clients in care.

By now you have all heard about the May Revise and the continued problems facing the State's General Fund. The Legislature will take on the challenge of trying to forge a budget solution. Because of the current fiscal situation, the "Strengthening Health and Safety Protections" proposal was not approved. However, both the Assembly and Senate Budget committees believe that the concept has merit and have recommended that the Department either seek a legislative bill to implement the change or come back next year during the budget process. Unfortunately, they felt that given all other massive proposals (i.e., eliminating CalWORKS, etc.), they did not have adequate time to complete the necessary analysis on our proposal. Therefore, they were not comfortable approving the proposal at this time and directed the Department to continue working with stakeholders on the proposal.

CCLD will continue working with stakeholders in furthering our research and piloting concepts across all programs. In an effort to move forward with this concept, CCLD will begin testing the Health and Safety Compliance Review Tool on July 6, 2010 across all programs. We look forward to continuing to meet with our stakeholders in the future and plan to provide additional updates via our website. As a team, the Department and stakeholders have much work ahead as we look forward to partnering in the "New Directions" of CCLD.

